

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION - DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
MAY 21, 2019**

ITEM 5

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND/OR AMEND FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2019-20 FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 106 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM GRANT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND AMENDMENT OF CONTRACTS USING THESE FUNDS

DISCUSSION

Section 106 of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) authorizes the appropriation of monies for federal grants to assist states in administering programs for the prevention, reduction, and elimination of pollution. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) annually files an application with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, for a continuing annual grant to fund the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program for regulation of surface water discharges, including storm water discharges, Total Maximum Daily Load development, and surface water ambient monitoring activities.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board adopt a resolution:

1. Authorizing the Executive Director or designee to apply for, accept, and amend, as necessary, a federal CWA section 106 Water Pollution Control Program grant for fiscal year 2019-2020, not to exceed \$14,500,000.
2. Authorizing the Executive Director or designee to negotiate, approve, and amend water quality management planning work plans.
3. Authorizing the Executive Director or designee to negotiate agreements or contracts to support the state's water quality planning activities and to perform all acts, and to do all things necessary and convenient to implement such agreements or contracts.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. Existing budget authority is currently adequate to accommodate the anticipated grant.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The State Water Board should:

1. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to apply for, accept, and amend, as necessary, a federal CWA section 106 Water Pollution Control Program grant for fiscal year 2019-2020, not to exceed \$14,500,000.
2. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate, approve, and amend water quality management planning work plans.
3. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate agreements or contracts to support the state's water quality planning activities and to perform all acts, and to do all things necessary and convenient to implement such agreements or contracts.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal(s) 1 and 6 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012. Goal 1: Implement strategies to fully support the beneficial uses for all 2006-listed water bodies by 2030. Goal 6: Enhance consistency across the Water Boards, on an ongoing basis, to ensure our processes are effective, efficient, and predictable, and to promote fair and equitable application of laws, regulations, policies, and procedures.